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- The airfield is located about 3 km east-southeast of Tbilisi (42-42 N/44-45 E), in the Georgian S.S.R., north of the railroad line and near to Rustavi (42-17 N/43-51 E). * It is a military airfield with hangars and barracks buildings, but without a railroad siding or concrete runways. No construction work was in progress at the field. The landing field, about 1 1/2 km long, was in good condition and had a thick grass cover. A side road to the field branched off from a road which ran along the southern edge of the field and led from Tbilisi to an undetermined village.
- Seven wooden hangars, each 10 x 25 to 30 x 50 meters, with corrugated sheet metal roofs and red lights were on the northern edge of the field. Twenty-five single-engine aircraft were once counted in the hangars. East of the field were seven splinter-proof revetments, each with a capacity of two single-engine planes. About 12 to 14 temporary buildings, each about 6 to 8 x 20 meters, were located north of the field. On the northwestern edge of the field was a fuel dump consisting of two containers, each 15 meters long and 2 1/2 meters in diameter, mounted on concrete pedestals.
- The field was occupied by about 30 biplanes and 6 biplanes which made individual and formation flights. Individual parachute jumps were often seen.
- The airfield is east-southeast of Tbilisi north of the railroad line and the road to Rustavi. Hangars and buildings were on the northern edge of the field.
- The field was occupied by twin-engine aircraft with nose wheels.

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Comments. Numerous reports of observations of an airfield near Tbilisi have been received but not forwarded, since they were not clear. The present report supplies a location sketch and more exact information on the field north of the factory field of Aircraft Plant No 31, and its installations. This information is [redacted] For sketch of airfield, see annex. The sketch indicates that the field must be one of the two airfields

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entered in broken lines on the chart of Tbilisi (9020), (USAF Target Complex Chart Series 100 dated December 1949). It is located between Tbilisi, the Roka River and the Tbilisi-Gurdzhanni (41°45'N/45°48'E) and Tbilisi-Baku railroad lines.

Attachment: Sketch of Airfield near Tbilisi

Legend to Annex:

A Airfield.

1. Landing field.
2. Wooden hangars.
3. Twelve officers' houses of wood.
4. About 12 to 14 temporary wooden buildings.
5. Fuel dump.
6. Military garages.
7. Seven splinterproof revetments.

B Aircraft plant.

C Radio station.

D Tank plant.

E Factory airfield.

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